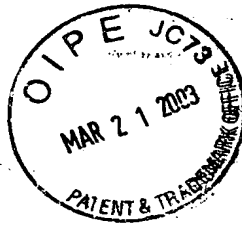


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In response to the Official Action mailed December 23, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

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M In the meantime, a setting section in the image forming apparatus body, in which the toner containing vessel 100 is set, is configured as a unit independent of the developing device 10. Further, the image forming section 3 including the image forming units and the transfer belt device 20 is detachably attached to the main body of the color printer 1 independently of the toner containing vessel 100 as shown by the arrow A in Fig. 1. In the setting section is erected the nozzle 160 which has a circular shape in cross section and is inserted into a toner bag 102. The toner containing vessel 100 is installed from above in the